THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) State Governments request for deployment of security forces from time to time, depending upon the Law and Order situation in the State. At present 37 battalions of Central Para Military forces are deployed in naxal affected States. State-wise deployment is: Andhra Pradesh 4 Bns; Bihar 4 Bns; Chhattisgarh 16 Bns; Jharkhand 6 Bns; Madhya Pradesh 1 Bn; Orissa 4 Bns; Uttar Pradesh 1 Bn. and West Bengal 1 Bn. These battalions are deployed to assist the State Police forces in anti-naxalite operations.

(b) Naxal violence is reported from parts of the nine States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. However, four States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa together account for about 86% per cent of the total incidents and casualties.

(c) There are no inputs to indicate working together of left extremist groups and jehadis.

(d) and (e) Public movements like Salva Judum in Chhattisgarh and *Nagrik Ssuraksha Samiti* and *Shanti Sena* in Jharkhand are reported against naxalite activities. Concerned State Governments deal with such activities.

Sophisticated arms and ammunitions to forces for anti-terror operations

294. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after ignoring the desperate SOSs from forces for sophisticated arms and ammunitions for nearly five years to fight terrorism and insurgency Government has now finally agreed to address the security issue of weapon shortage and has cleared proposal worth Rs. 6,000 crores for acquiring crucial arms and ammunitions;

(b) if so, whether Para-Military forces engaged in anti-terror operations were in desparate need of these devises besides better communication equipment and close quarter weapons like heavy weight and lethal rifles; and

(c) if so, what are other concrete steps and measures Ministry has taken to equip its forces to meet any threat of security to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The induction of new weapons, equipments and technology for the Police Forces of the Centre and State is a continuous process.

A Modernisation Scheme of Central Para-Military Forces with an outlay of Rs. 4,184.50 crores taking into account the futuristic requirement of the Forces was launched during March 2002, which will come to an end on 31.3.2010. Under this scheme, CPMFs are provided with modern fire arms, effective mobility, advanced communication and surveillance systems, etc. to improve the effectiveness of these forces to tackle the security challenges.

State Police Forces are placing their demand of funds with their respective Governments for equipping their force to meet the challenges either under Modernisation of Police Forces Schemes or otherwise. Weaponry items and security equipments including sophisticated weaponry are being purchased by the State Police Forces keeping in view their operation requirements. Financial assistance of Rs. 5.004 crore has been given to the States under Modernisation of Police Force Scheme during the last 5 years (2003-04 to 2007-08).

Modernisation of CPMFs is an ongoing process and the Government on a continuous basis takes necessary steps and measures to ensure that the Police Forces are expanded and upgraded with modern technologies, weapons and tactics to effectively meet the security threats.

Greater investment in security technology

295. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has emphasised on the need for greater investment in security technology to counter terrorism and boost internal security efforts;

(b) if so, whether Government is proposing to seek latest security technology from the developed countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the existing available technology is not properly used for security; and

(e) if so, the plans formulated to make use of such technologies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister, in his inaugural address during the Chief Minister's conference held on 06.01.2009, has emphasized on the need for a comprehensive strategy that combines the best of technological and human capabilities within the country to defeat terrorism in all its manifestations.

(b) to (e) The existing and available technologies are being utilised properly. Under the ongoing Modernisation Scheme for the Central Para Military Forces and Modernisation Scheme for State Police Organisations, weapons and equipments of latest technologies available within the country or through imports are provided to the Police Forces to counter security threats.

Nexus between mafia and terrorists

296. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: